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Loan Fund in Trouble

■ **Resource availiable to help students buy books is running out of funds.**

BY MAGGIE OWNBEY
STAFF WRITER

The emergency book loan fund at Valley College requires assistance itself.

"This past semester we had exhausted our funds by the third day we funded 73 students," Vice President of Student Services Yasmin Delahoussaye said. "Supply and demand, you've got this overwhelming demand but the supply is so small."

Valley has more than 16,000 students according to Delahoussaye. If only 10 percent needed assistance, the number of applicants would be staggering.

The book loan fund assists students in purchasing those books, giving them the tools they need to succeed in class.

Delahoussaye said the fund is available for students who are actively enrolled at Valley and have not dropped classes.

"The way the fund is able to work is that students are asked to repay their loan as soon as they can," Delahoussaye said. "By paying it back as soon as possible we are able to serve more students."

Many students on campus are unaware about the fund.

"Let students know, so

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NEW DEHLI NEARBY

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GREAT FOOD, SHORT WALK - Customers enjoy the fine variety of entrees at the Passage to India on Burbank Boulevard at Hazeltine Avenue. ***See story on Page 6***

Valley Students Cater the Emmys

■ **Students were put to the test applying the skills they learned at Valley College in a real-life scenario.**

BY ADRIANNA OLIVAREZ
STAFF WRITER

Actors and actresses who gathered around the red carpet this year received not only a nomination, but a first- class dinner provided by students in the food program at Valley College.

According to Valley student Mary Prugo, who was one of the student caterers at the Emmys, she was "happy with what she learned at Valley because she knew all the recipes and was able to prepare them in a timely manner."

"The competition was tough," said Prugo. "The girls from Pasadena Culinary Arts College were not happy with me because the chefs were complementing me a lot."

The Patina Group serves the Emmys each year, however, this year the group hired Valley students. These students were chosen based on the efficiency and quality of their work.

"The main goals are to have them learn English, get a job, and continue with their education," said Lynne Brower, director of CalWORKS.

According to Brower, the program combines hands- on training with class lectures. The program also provides the ServSafe examination required by the state. This examination teaches students how to safely and properly prepare food. Most retail food facilities in California are now required to employ at least one person who is certified in food safety.

"There is never enough, you can always learn more" said Olivia Romero, who is certified and just earned a job. "I am happy I joined this program."

The food program at Valley is run by Greater Avenues for Independence, or GAIN, whose primary goal is to provide the necessary tools for students to start a new life, and allow them to become independent and self-sufficient.

DAN VILLASEÑOR / VALLEY STAR

FEED THE NEED - Carmen Hurtate and her class prepare food for the 2004 Emmy Awards.

"I am a single mother who is trying to get ahead in life, my son needs me," said Valley student, Carmen Hurtarte. "I want to be independent and feel proud of myself."

According to Hurtarte, food preparation instructor Maria Reyna has made a tremendous inspiration in her life and helped Hurtarte overcome her low self esteem.

"Every student who completes the course gets a job," said Reyna.

"When I told [the main chefs at the Emmys] that I was from Valley, he asked if I was Cookie's student," said food program student Julia Rios. "When I said yes, they suddenly became friendly."

Reyna, affectionately known by her students as "Cookie," has worked as a chef for more than 25 years. According to her students, her role as instructor goes beyond teaching food preparation.

"[These students] are like my daughters, they are trying so hard to overcome the downsides of life," said Reyna. "My main goal is to prepare these students for life, to become independent."

Risky Enrollment Rates

■ **Consumers are afraid to spend because of dwindling economy, new San Jose University survey reports.**

BY TIFFANY FARMAKIS
NEWS EDITOR

Although California has the most affordable colleges in the nation, the likelihood of students enrolling by age 19 is declining, according to a report by the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education.

The report, entitled Measuring Up 2004, found that the number of teenagers entering college has dropped by 9 percent in the last decade, even though high schools have done a better job in providing college preparatory courses.

"Even in areas where California does relatively well, such as participation in higher education, opportunities for young Californians have diminished since the early 1990s. The state's poor performance in most areas related to college preparation and enrollment of high school graduates in college is the most significant finding of Measuring Up 2004 for California," National Center president Patrick Callan said in a news release. "Today's young Californians may be the first in the modern history of the state to experience an actual decline in college opportunity."

The National Center report, issued every two years, offers a synopsis of the nation's current performance and for the first time, its improvement over the past decade. It grades all 50 states on the affordability, preparation, participation , access, degree completion and the benefits each state receives from its colleges.

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Are They Really Cures?

■ **Anti-depressants can be harmful to young children and teenagers.**

BY CLAUDIA LOZANO
STAFF WRITER

The Psychopharmacologic Drugs Pediatric Advisory Committee recommended that the Food and Drug Administration implement a "black box" warning label on all antidepressants. The vote was 15-8

The black box advisory, the sternest of medical labels, will warn the public of an increased risk for suicidal thoughts and behaviors in pediatric and adolescent patients who take antidepressants. Nearly 3 percent of children who used the drugs manifested suicidal thoughts or behavior, according to the FDA website.

The drugs involved in this labeling change are Prozac (fluoxetine), Zoloft (sertraline), Paxil (paroxetine), Lovox (fluvoxamine), Celexa (Citalopram) Lexapro (escitalopram), Wellbu-trin (bupropion). Effexor (venlafaxine), Serzone (nefazodone), and Remeron (mirtazapine).

"I think that we now all believe that there is an increase

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Seal Stamped on Student Success

■ **First in a three- part series reflecting on Valley College's history.**

BY ADRIANNA OLIVAREZ AND LAGINA PHILLIPS
STAFF WRITERS

It's on the bag at the bookstore and will be on your diploma. The official school seal represents the foundation of Valley College, which was founded in 1949. Originally named Valley Junior College, the school, which was once part of Van Nuys High School, was renamed Valley College in 1956.

"We needed to develop a seal that represented us," said English Department Chair Dr. Alfred Zucker, who was a student at Valley in 1950.

Dr. James Dodson, Curator of the Valley Historical Museum, said in his 1977 book: "Los Angeles Valley College: The First Year," students were asked to submit suggestions for the new school seal in 1949 and the winning idea was submitted by Pat Perry, an art major. The sketch featured the book of knowledge with a lighted lamp of learning, a winged foot representing sports and a shield with "Monarchs" engraved on it. But it was not until 1951 when art instructors Miss Perry and Miss Marie Scott incorporated a shield with a tree of learning growing through a book and at the bottom are the words "Verdad Jusitcia Cultura," which is Spanish for truth, justice and culture. Coincidentally, the Spanish initials are V.J.C, the same as Valley Junior College, the original name of the college. At the top of the shield is a large "V" holding a crown on which 1949 is inscribed.

The seal represents what Valley is to this day; the tree growing out of an open book illustrates students' growth through learning and the Spanish phrase is representative of the many cultures that make up our student body, faculty and staff.

"We choose Spanish because of the strong Spanish influence in the community," said Val Villa, foreign language department chair in 1950, who was also part of the committee responsible for the creation of the seal.

In 1797 a permanent settlement of the establishment of the Mission San Fernando Rey de España began; this mission gave the community the name Valley.

"The words in the seal describe our heritage, the sense of belonging, there was a lot of spirit in that first year," said earth science Professor Richard Raskoff. He also stated that the geographical history of San Fernando and the Spanish and Mexican influence played a big role. The letters V.J.C. planted the seed of what our college is now. "We are a college whose mission is to give every opportunity possible."

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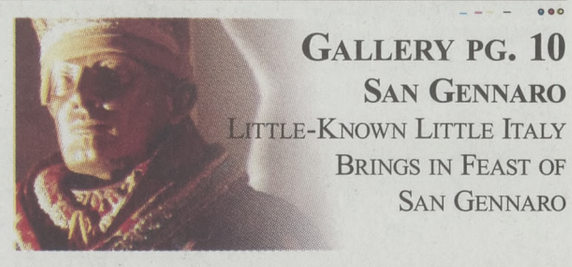

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NEWS REEL

STATE
An earthquake registering at 6.0 struck the coastal mountains of San Jose at 1:15 Tuesday at a depth of 5 miles, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. No injuries were reported.

NATIONAL
A three-year old toddler was killed and a 7-month old and two women were injured when a man opened fire in a day care center in Detroit Tuesday, police have no suspects in custody.

WORLD
The two women kidnapped in Iraq three weeks ago were released Tuesday and two French journalists are set to be freed in less than a day.

CAMPUS EYE

LAVC ASSOCIATED STUDENT UNION:
Wednesday, Sept. 29,
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.at Monarch Square

ETUDES:
Wednesday, Sept. 29, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. in Monarch Square

STAR EVENT: ACADEMIC HONESTY BROWN BAG LUNCH:
Thursday, September 30, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. in Cafeteria Conference Room (CCR).

INTER-CLUB COUNCIL MEETING:
Thursday, Sept. 30, 1 p.m. in CC 104.

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Monday, October 4, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. in ADM 126

CSLA:
Wednesday, October 6, 5:45- 6: 45 p.m. in ADM 126

UCLA:
Wednesday, October 6, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. in ADM 126

PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES:

UNIVERSITY OF JUDAISM:
Monday, October 4, 10 a.m.- 12 p.m. in Monarch Square

PACIFIC OAKS:
Tuesday, October 5, 9-11:45 a.m. in Monarch Square

STARTING IN OCTOBER:

CAREER/ TRANSFER CENTER APPLICATION WORKSHOPS:
Every Monday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday at 1 p.m. in ADM. 126

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Latin Vote Encouraged

■ **Voter representatives seek to increase the Latino vote by 2 million.**

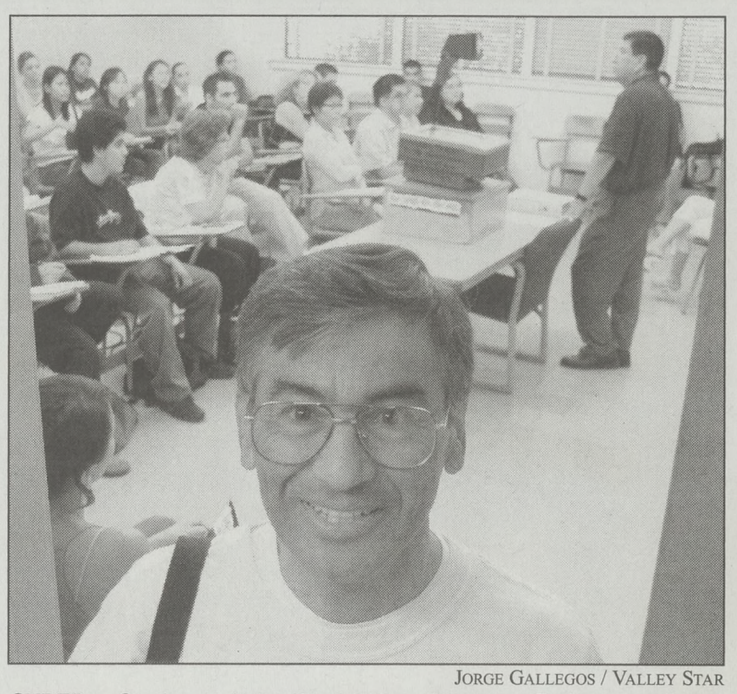
BY CLAUDIA LOZANO
STAFF WRITER

Bearing a sticker that read "Su Voto es su Voz" (Your Vote is your Voice), Southwest Voter Registration Education Project coordinator Avelino "Andy" Andazola, handed out volunteer pledge cards to willing Valley College students in Pete Lopez's Chicano studies class last week.

Southwest plans to increase the Latino vote by encouraging voter registration and participation by recruiting volunteers on college campuses.

According to Andazola four out of every 16 Latinos register to vote and only one of those four vote. Andazola also said that the youth vote is vital in every election and he anticipates it could influence the 2006 gubernatorial campaign.

"We need more students involved in the political process," Lopez said, reiterating that Southwest wants to help get the community involved and make an informed decision regardless of their political party.



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SVREP - Southwest Voter Registration Education Project coordinator Avelino "Andy" Andazola visited Valley College to recruit voting students.

Originally established in Arizona in 1974 by the late political activist, Willie Velázquez, the organization wants to increase the Latino vote and political representation nationwide. According to organization representatives,

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Voters Wanted

■ **Students are urged to get out and vote.**

BY LAGINA PHILLIPS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Volunteers came to Valley College looking to sign up as many voters as possible. On the first day 17 people registered and more than 75 have signed up since.

"Our goal is to register as many students as possible," said Randy Gold, who spearheads the Valley for Kerry campaign. "We're always focusing on getting students involved."

The registration is open to anyone who will be 18 before the Nov. 2 election and is an American citizen.

There are 18 volunteers on campus, two of which are Valley students and the remainder are community members.

"I think it's really important for everyone to vote because it's really the only voice we have together," said Cathy Colloff, director of the campus drive at Valley. "The Florida election shows how important every vote is; there was a very small number of votes that made the difference between Gore or Bush being president."

According to Gold, there are 30 voter registration tables around the community. There are tables at malls, farmers markets, CSUN, Pierce and Mission will soon have one.

"[We're doing] a lot more than putting voter registration tables or clipboarders on campus, [we're] making people politically aware and getting people involved." Gold said. "We're trying to educate."

"I see 18 year olds so excited to vote for their first time and even 30 year olds

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Meet the Faculty

■ **Valley College welcomes eight new full-time instructors.**

TEXT BY CLAUDIA LOZANO
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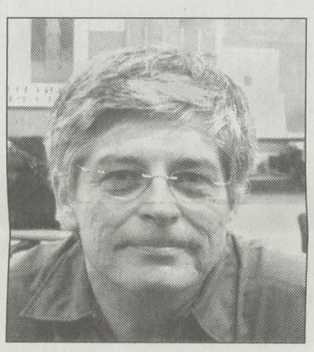
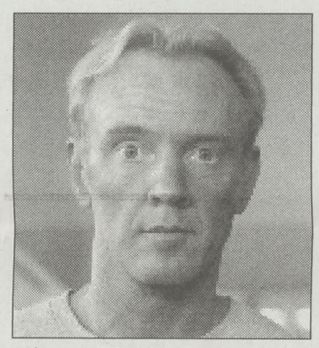


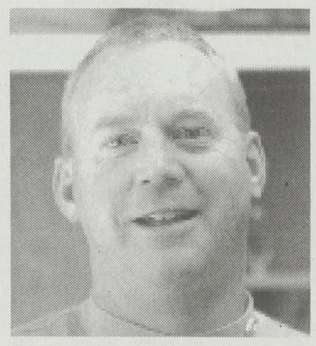
Michael Avila, of the technology department, earned his A.S. at Valley and his B.A. at Cal State Long Beach.



Glenn Hefferman, head basketball coach, earned his M.A. from Ball State University.

Kim Hollingshead, of the health science department, earned a M.A. in nursing from Cal State Dominguez Hills.

Marion "Bea" Martin, of the health and science department, earned a Ph.N. from Cal State Dominguez Hills.



James MicMillan, Valley's new Water Polo coach, earned a M.A. in physical education from Pepperdine.

Greg Morrison, Valley alumnus and respiratory therapist, earned a B.A. in Science and public health education.

Cathy S. Pyles, of the theatre department, is a former Broadway actress who earned an M.A. in theatre design.

Terry Teplin, director of the child development department, is working on her masters at Pacific Oaks College and Children's School.

Deadline Nears for Govenor Bills

■ **Gov. Schwarzenegger needs to decide on several pieces of legislation by Sept. 30.**

BY ZABIE MANSOORY
STAFF WRITER

Gov. Schwarzenegger has until Sept. 30 to sign or veto more than 800 bills before they become law Oct. 1.

The governor faces several pieces of legislation concerning campaign money, environment, education, privacy, gay rights, drug purchases from Canada, immigrant driver licenses, rules for filmmakers and taxes, among others.

AB 1957 would allow consumers to purchase drugs from Canadian pharmacies, where drugs cost 40-to-70 percent less than those found at California vendors. It gives the California Department of Health Services the right to establish a website with links to Canadian pharmacies that meet state safety requirements for access and affordability.

The govenor has already signed more than 100 bills into law. They include a bill for over-the-counter sales of syringes, the cutting of forest trees and the expansion of the definition of "hate crime" to include crimes against people because of their sexual orientation, disability, gender, nationality, race, ethnicity or religion.

"My administration supports this measure [for over-the-counter syringes] because it will prevent the spread of HIV, hepatitis and other blood-borne diseases among injection-drug users, their sexual partners and their children," Gov. Schwarzenegger wrote.

Opposition leader Michael Kennedy, president of California Narcotic Officers' Association said, "If they're hurting and they need drugs, they're not going to wait for a clean needle. What you're going to find is more needles thrown in the street."

The governor also vetoed more than 50 bills, including the minimum wage increase and driver licenses for illegal immigrants.

The immigrant driver license bill lacked wording to mandate a special identifying mark, a key provision Schwarzenegger insisted upon.

"I am disappointed that the governor vetoed [the bill granting immigrants driver licenses], despite the fact that this right currently exists in 10 other states," said Assembly Speaker, Fabian Nunez.

Gov. Schwarzenegger argued, "One of the most important duties of the governor of a state is to protect its citizens. Determining the true identity and history of an individual is a key component of that protection."

This would affect students here at Valley.

Critics argue that Schwarzenegger had more than enough time to sign frivolous bills such as legislation that would enable entertainment companies to pay less for the cost of firearm-rentals for action films.

Sending Smiles over Miles

■ **Bringing a little piece of home to those overseas.**

BY SOLANGEL CAMPOS
STAFF WRITER

Through collection drives, letter-writing campaigns and donations, Operation Gratitude gives people throughout the country a chance to express their appreciation to the troops overseas.

The California Army National Guard in Van Nuys and Operation Gratitude seek to lift troops' morale by sending care packages to service members overseas. These care packages contain food, toiletries, necessities, entertainment items and personal letters of appreciation.

"[Operation Gratitude] is a good idea, it shows community support and national support to

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Bush No More For Next Four

■ **From a tenuous election to a costly war, this administration's record is unsuccessful.**

BY MARILYN MINTON
STAFF WRITER

President Bush rated the situation in Iraq as a "catastrophic success" during an interview with Time magazine last April.

Let's use Bush's own words to examine his term in office. Keep in mind the definition of "catastrophic" is "destructive and disastrous." This Certainly sums up his last four years and in view of the deplorable situation in Iraq, Bush's intervention in that country truly was a catastrophic success.

9/11 Commission Report

The report said that intelligence agencies and high-level officials in the White House patently ignored or dismissed information specifying that attacks against the United States were imminent. It concluded that the administration failed to secure America's borders resulting in 9/11.

The Commission served us well and exposed the excesses and failures of the Bush Administration. It made excellent recommendations including setting up a national counter-terrorism center, creating a trusted information network to be shared government-wide and developing a comprehensive terrorist screening entry and exit system. Once these recommendations have been enacted, we can hope for no further incursions within our borders.

The War in Iraq

Operation Iraqi Freedom has already cost the lives of more than 1,000 young soldiers and more than 7,000 have been wounded; some permanently disabled, and this was based on the supposed threat of weapons of mass destruction.

Education

The president's promise to "leave no child behind" never got off the ground. Bush has repeatedly broken his promise to provide federal support for education. In the two years since he signed that bill, none of his budgets have come close to fulfilling the $9 billion needed to implement these programs. According to the Department of Education, he has spent 50 times more on tax cuts than increases for education.

Unemployment

The president never fulfilled his promise to provide thousands of new jobs. Too many jobs that should have been for Americans were outsourced to foreign entities.

When Bush took over the government reigns from Clinton, the unemployment rate was 4.1 percent. During the last four years, that number has risen steadily to its present level of 5.8 percent. That equals approximately 8.2 million people without jobs.

The Flip-Flops

The situation in Iraq remains explosive with no resolution in sight. The president stated Aug. 30 that "we cannot win this war on terrorism." Then, just 24 hours later, he reversed his statement before the national convention of the American Legion and claimed that "we can win this war."

President Bush has accused John Kerry of "flip-flopping." However, the record shows that it's Bush who has a history of constantly reversing himself, and so was named the "flip-flopper-in-chief" by the media.

Some of Bush's well-known flip-flops include: his promise to seek U.N. vote for the war with Iraq and subsequently attacked without U.N. sanction, his pledge to not touch social security followed by a decision to fund other programs with the more than $1.4 trillion surplus and his denial of needing additional funds for 2004 but then he made a U-turn with his request for another $25 billion due to the war in Iraq.

He also supported the extension of the assault weapons ban but then changed his mind and let it lapse.

These are but a few of the broken promises of George W. Bush.

Wake-up Call

The fact that Bush won the 2000 presidential election by a hair should have been a wake-up call for him. The election results proved that 50 percent of the American people, if not more, believed that his opponent Al Gore was the winner. Doubts still linger as to whether the Florida recount, the determining factors for the Bush win, was fraudulent.

Has that made Bush more determined to prove to his countrymen that he really was the right man for the job?

Apparently not.

How much more proof do we need that this country cannot tolerate another four years of Bush rhetoric and empty promises?

The next four years are up to you. Vote.

ALL THE NEWS THAT GIVES US FITS

Safety Bites The Bullet

BY KATHARINE ANDERSON
MANAGING EDITOR

Let's take a moment to thank President Bush for doing everything he can to make this country a safer place for our families.

Wait, that's right, we can't.

Sept. 13 marked the expiration of the 10-year-long federal ban on assault weapons. The ban, which was penned into effect by former President Bill Clinton in 1994, outlawed 19 types of military-style assault weapons and banned features on firearms such as high capacity magazines (over 10 rounds), flash suppressors and bayonet mounts.

Bush vowed during the 2000 presidential campaign to sign an assault weapons ban renewal if the GOP-led Congress passed it.

Surprisingly, the renewal hasn't been signed.

The National Rifle Association, which publicly decried the ban, conveniently withheld their support (monetary included, of course) of Bush in the 2004 campaign until after the law expired.

We can be expecting an announcement of their endorsement of Bush any day now.

"When it came time to do it, when it came time to make a phone call, when it came time to fight, when it came time to lead … George Bush's powerful friends in the gun lobby asked him to look the other way, and he said 'Sure,'" Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry said.

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Letter to the Editor

Aren't we the lucky ones! At Valley College, we attend classes with a wide variety of interesting students from many countries. We have a first-rate faculty and professors who know their subject matter and really enjoy teaching. We can get extra help, free of charge, from several tutoring centers on campus. Most of our classrooms are air conditioned and many buildings have sparkling new rest rooms. The cafeteria is newly decorated with beautiful photographs celebrating the diversity of our student body. Our hard-working custodians keep our campus clean and attractive and our diligent gardeners keep our lawns and foliage carefully trimmed.

But students must take some responsibility also. If we want to get the most out of our classes, we will turn off our cell phones. If we want a pleasant learning evironment, we will doodle on paper, not on our desks. And if we want a clean and healthy campus, we will throw our trash away properly and light up only in designated smoking areas. It is, after all, our college.

- Lynn Kessler
Valley College Student

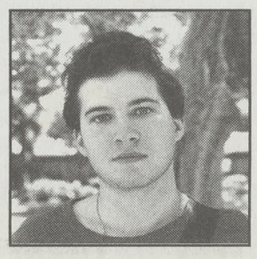
CampusView

PHOTOS BY KHADIJAH ABDULLAH

Which would you pay for first: a new car or your education?

"Education. If you have an education, you can pay off your car in the long run.

-Liz Casey
Volkswagen



"Education because it's much more important. When I get my education I can get a better job and a better car."

-Oleg Kagan
Honda Civic

"Education so I wouldn't have bills and stress."

- Rose Sipin
Toyota Corolla

"A car because I might need it in the long run."

- Tito Hernandez
'63 Impala Low-Rider

ONE WAY OR ANOTHER

EACH WEEK, THE VALLEY STAR EXAMINES AN ISSUE FROM TWO SIDES.
THIS WEEK: **SHOULD PRISONERS BE TREATED MORE FAIRLY?**

■ **Make your voice heard! Participate in the online poll at *www.lavalleystar.com***

Humiliation Is An Apt Teacher

■ **Offenders won't soon forget lessons learned with a dose of degradation.**

BY EMIL ESHAYA
STAFF WRITER

Let the punishment fit the crime was the message from the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco early last month.

Admitted thief Shawn Gementera was slapped with an unorthodox sentence after he was convicted of stealing checks from mailboxes. Gementera was ordered to stand in front of a San Francisco post office wearing a sign that said: "I stole mail. This is my punishment."

The courts said the unusual sentence was handed down for the purpose of rehabilitation and not merely public humiliation.

Critics say that this punishment was dehumanizing and far too reminiscent of the days when a few hours at the whipping post was an ideal punishment.

Humbug.

Humiliation is an inexpensive alternative to prison for most who commit nonviolent crimes. In 2001, 51 percent of sentenced state inmates had been incarcerated for nonviolent offenses, according to Bureau of Justice statistics.

That same year, the cost of medical care for inmates topped $3.3 billion. A sizeable amount, but equal to only 12 percent of the total yearly expenditures for all state prisoners.

Today, judges either go overboard with punishment or thoughtlessly hand out the mildest of penalties.

Convicts either spend 20 years in prison at the cost of taxpayers or 20 hours in a public library re-shelving Shakespeare.

Cash fines put a temporary dent in pocket books. Public humiliation puts a permanent dent on reputations.

There's nothing wrong with a good dose of humiliation. We all need to know that doing whatever we please is not OK.

We all need a healthy fear of the judicial system.

Perfect justice means every punishment fits the crime committed. Until perfect comes outside to play, we'll continue to sweep undeserving people into prisons while those deserving of something more than a slap on the hand get swept under the carpet.

Failure to organize mandatory shame punishment for nonviolent crime means our nation will suffer.

Eventually, sex offenders will become elementary school teachers while ex-gang members won't even be hired to clean the hallways.

We should admit that correcting criminal behavior is not as effective as it should be and change things.

Until this society can admit that justice in this country is a wave that most people don't catch, we're hopeless.

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Cruelty Violates Constitution

■ **In civilized society, criminals are people first and human rights must prevail.**

BY ZABIE MANSOORY
STAFF WRITER

Dehumanizing, whipping, pillories...are we bringing back the old days where no laws prohibited cruel and unusual punishment?

The United States' Eighth Amendment is in place to protect all citizens from getting beaten, hooded, stripped naked, and executed. It states clearly: "Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted."

Shawn Gementera was ordered to stand for eight hours outside of a San Francisco post office wearing a sign that read: "I stole mail. This is my punishment."

If that's fair and reasonable, then what is cruel and unusual punishment?

The incidents of abuse at Abu Ghraib, Iraq, included up to 100 prisoners who were abused while under the supervision of the United States military. Pictures released by civilian workers in the prison show naked prisoners hanged, bleeding to death, frozen to death, cut by knives or humiliated in sexual ways.

That is cruel and unusual.

An independent panel to review Department of Defense detention operations, chosen by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, concluded, "The abuses were not just the failure of some individuals to follow known standards, and they were more than the failure of a few leaders to enforce proper discipline."

"It was a kind of 'Animal House' on the night shift," said James Schlesinger, former secretary of defense and head of the four-person commission created last May.

"Animal House" is a movie depicting a rowdy college party. It's a comedy.

We're supposed to equate hanging, humiliation, getting bitten by prison watchdogs and bleeding to death with a fun night at a toga-party.

I don't think so.

Enemy combatants at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, have been detained indefinitely without any charges. The U.S. government defines an enemy combatant as "an individual who was part of or supporting Taliban or al Qaeda forces or associated forces that are engaged in hostilities against the United States or its coalition partners."

Most detainees held in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, were captured during the war on terrorism after 9/11. Almost all of them are held without legal representation and have yet to be charged with any crimes. Under the Geneva Convention laws, it is illegal to hold any enemy fighter under the conditions they are held in Guantanamo Bay.

In February 2002, President Bush stated: "I determine that none of the provisions of Geneva (Convention) apply to our conflict with al-Qaeda in Afghanistan or elsewhere throughout the world."

He is ignoring international laws.

It is very clear that our conservative executive, legislative and judicial branches are blatantly ignoring constitutional laws that prohibit cruel and unusual punishment.

If our government representatives are allowed to manipulate constitutional laws to fit their agenda, how long before an American citizen loses his hand because he was caught stealing?

Malcolm X put it best when he said, "You're not to be so blind with patriotism that you can't face reality. Wrong is wrong, no matter who does it or says it."

This year, vote for a candidate that will change the world and stop the cruel and unusual punishment taking place every day.

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'Ban'

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The day the ban expired Bush's administration issued a description of their efforts against crime, touting Bush's endorsement by the Fraternal Order of Police.

I'm sure that police officers across the country whose lives have been put in that much more danger by these weapons hitting the streets again support Bush.

Why not, it's only their lives he is gambling with.

"George Bush made a choice today. He chose his powerful friends in the gun lobby over the police officers and the families he promised to protect," said Kerry, hours after the end of the ban.

"Bush made the job of terrorists easier and made the job of America's law enforcement officers harder and that's just plan wrong," said Kerry.

Spokesman Scott McClellan said that Bush believes the best way to curb gun violence is to enforce the existing laws, adding that violent crime is at 30-year low.

"The president's position is well known," McClellan said to reporters aboard Air Force One. "Congress is well aware of the president's position."

Well, Scott, we are getting just a little tired of the Bush Administration's nifty habit of playing 'pass the buck.'

It's nobody's fault, right?

Wrong.

Bush had ample opportunity to pick up the phone and push Congress to get that ban on his desk. He could've fought for us.

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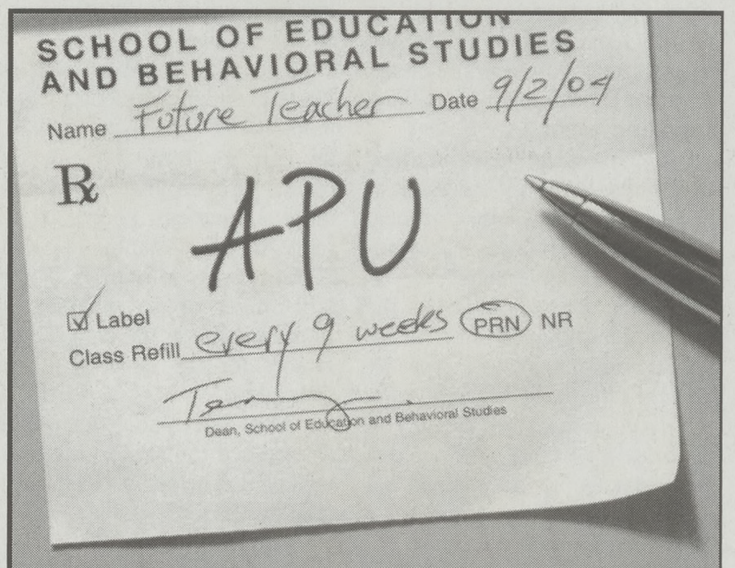
But then, Bush has always been about the money, hasn't he?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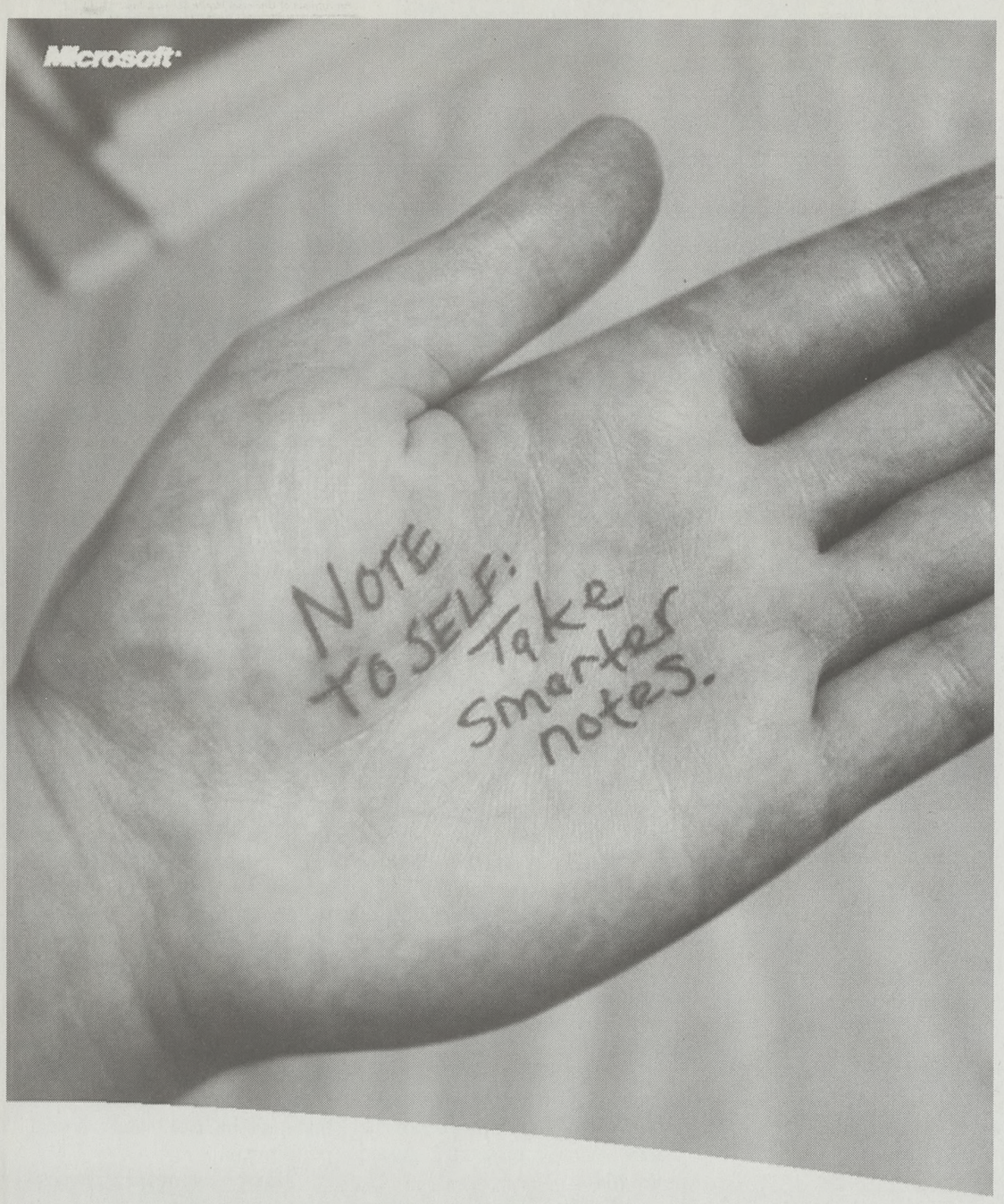

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'Latino'

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to organization representatives, it's goal for the 2004 general election is to increase the local Latino vote to 2 million in California, Texas, Arizona and Florida, which would bring the national total to 10 million.

"Even if you don't vote you are represented," Andazola said, "but power comes when you can hold someone [you elect] responsible."

Volunteers undergo a one-day training session and are encouraged to recruit voters from neighboring businesses like supermarkets and record stores. They receive instruction on how to host a voter registration project and promote voting by mail.

"I'm volunteering to actively engage in a good cause. We need representation otherwise we'll keep getting stepped on." said sociology major Jorge Lobos, referring to the recent tuition increase.

Andazola has been active in this cause since 1976 and doesn't consider it 'work' because, "our government should stop taxing the future; instead it should invest in it."

Anyone interested in participating can go to wwwsvrep.com to register to vote, volunteer or learn more about the current issues.

'Voting'

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who have never voted before and want to make a difference," said Gold, who said he was inspired to get involved because the direction the nation is going in has made him furious.

Valley for Kerry is always looking for volunteers, according to Gold. Those interested in volunteering, duties of which range from manning the tables and signing up voters to letter writing and attending weekend rallies, can sign up at valleyforkerry.com.

'Gratitude'

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our troops," said Valley student David Mohajer.

Operation Gratitude is a non-profit organization funded entirely by private donations and staffed by volunteers. Recently AT&T became the first corporate sponsor of Operation Gratitude. The company contributed 10,000 prepaid phone cards to be included in care packages, a donation valued at $75,000.

Carolyn Blashek initiated Operation Gratitude after 9/11. She wanted to contribute to the country in some way. She looked into joining the military but found she was too old to volunteer. She then ended up at the Bob Hope USO at Los Angeles Internation Airport. While talking to troops on their way overseas for Operation Iraq Freedom, Blashek realized there was an enormous need for them to feel support from the people back home.

According to Blashek, the greatest thing about Operation Gratitude is the willingness of people throughout the country to show their appreciation.

"It's important that these troops know that people back home support and care for them," explained Blashek.

Blashek started out by obtaining the names of individual troops overseas. Having no contacts with the military, she went up to individual people in her area and asked if they had loved ones overseas. Her idea started catching on as several soldiers who had received items requested additional packages for their buddies. From there Operation Gratitude took off.

Operation Gratitude has sent over 21, 179 care packages to date. Those interested in donating or volunteering can contact Blashek at cblashek@aol.com.

"If I had the money, I would send a package," said Valley student, Jose Garcia. "It's the humane thing to do."

'Cure'

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believe that there is an increase in suicidal thinking and action that is consistent across all the drugs," Dr. Robert Temple, director of the FDA's office of medical policy, said in a New York Times article. "This looks like it's a true bill."

Parents should be alert of changes in their child's behavior, at the start of treatment or when doses change. Symptoms may include but are not limited to anxiety, irritability, insomnia, akathisia and panic attacks.

Only Prozac is specifically approved for treating children and adolescents suffering from depression, while Prozac, Zoloft and Luvox are approved for use in children with obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) as indicated by the FDA. The other drugs are not approved for children and or adolescent use.

The committee urged the FDA to include new selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRI), such as Prozac, Zoloft, and Paxil, and old Tricyclics, such as Adapin, Anafranil, and Elavil.

Trycyclics are just as effective as SSRIs but have more side effects. A major advantage in SSRIs is that they are not quite as dangerous if some one overdoses according to the Royal College of Psychiatrists online, www.rcpsych.ac.uk.

Although the committee urged the FDA to take immediate action it did not support a contraindication of the drugs for those people who could benefit from their use.

If you or your child is currently using these or other antidepressants be advised of the risks involved and consult your doctor if any signs of depression worsen. For more information and updates go to www.fda.gov.

'Loan'

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some students can donate," Cheryl, 33, a culinary arts major, attending both Valley and Mission colleges said. "Student services needs to make sure that students are well informed [about] what they need to do."

The fund was renamed the Pat Allen Emergency Book Loan Fund in 2002 after the sociology teacher who walked into Delahoussaye's office in 1997 and presented her with a check for $1,000 to set up a fund to help students pay for books.

"She saw a need and thank God she came up with a way to meet the need." Delahoussaye said.

"It worked for me," said Cheryl. "At the time, someone had just broken into my car."

When Cheryl's books were stolen someone told her about the book fund, she went to student services and filled out an application. "It took about a month to get the money to pay for two of my books," Cheryl said.

The faculty and staff at Valley have participated in supporting the fund by making donations. La Vergne Rosow, director of the Teacher Preparation Academy and Rick Brossman, director of the Service Learning Program have contributed every semester along with the Patron's Association.

Delahoussaye recalls that the most recent student to find help through the fund is homeless. She says that he's doing well at Valley and is planning to graduate this year.

"He is one of the book funds many success stories," she said. "Because there have been these kinds of support lines–lifelines--that are out there to rescue him."

"Had it not been for this program he was going to give up in more ways than one."

Everyone that applies for a book loan gets treated equally whether the student is needy or not.

"My only regret is that I can't help everyone," Delahoussaye said. "When the funds are exhausted and we've gotten down to our last penny, it's hard to tell a student that we've given out all the money we have in the account."

As part of the solution Delahoussaye encourages teachers to put desk copies on loan at the library and asks everyone to help by funding or donating used books.

She also wants students to be aware of their financial aid options, stressing that it's the first place they should go.

"If [students] say they need money for books we tell them about the book loan, we tell them to go to student services," Marina Oganesyan, a Financial Aid Technician.

"Taking that first step to help is all it takes," said Delahoussaye. That's what Pat Allen did. "She left this place better than what she found it. How many of us can say that? I'm thankful to her for the idea and I know the students are too."

'Enrollment'

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California scored C for preparation and completion but received A for participation and benefits. The study also gave California a B in affordability, still the top grade of any state, despite the recent tuition increases. However, that was down from the A received in 2002.

Callan also stated in the news release that it's unclear why California experienced such a steep drop in college enrollment. The state's high school population is increasing rapidly, both in size and diversity. He criticizes California for inadequately preparing for the sudden bulge.

"There just hasn't been room for people. It isn't so much physical space as we haven't funded the faculty, the classrooms and the sections," said Callan.

The report also stated the majority of high school students are less prepared for college because fewer numbers of them are enrolling in upper-level math and science courses.

"The National Center study reinforces the fact that college opportunity for California students is in crisis and getting worse," said Eliseo Medina, executive vice president of the Service Employees International Union. "In the past decade we've seen a decline in opportunity and in the next decade, many more students will be turned away from California's public colleges and universities. California must take action to curb this crisis now, before more students are denied the right to a higher education."Furthermore, the study reveals that only 59 percent of all first-time students get a bachelor's degree within six years and only 48 percent of all first-year community college students come back for a second year.

Some students blame the limited class offerings, due to the budget cuts, as the cause of most students dropping out.

"It's hard to get all the classes you need and being on the waiting list doesn't necessarily imply that you'll make it into the class," said Valley business major Jhonen Martinez. "Especially with all the budget cuts, many students are getting frustrated."

Martinez added that it was next to impossible to graduate with an associate's degree in two years.

"If that were the case, you'd have to take 20 credits a semester and that's just unrealistic," Martinez said.

Overall, the report found that higher education opportunities for students has improved in California, but Callan argues the recent rounds of fee increases and program cutbacks at the state's colleges and universities could threaten to wipe out that progress.

"California will continue to drop unless we make a significant investment in student financial aid and find better ways of getting that money to students who need it the most," said Callan.

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Area college student dating self

THINGS ARE REALLY STARTING TO HEAT UP

Eric Peterson, top, has one of many romantic dinners with himself at their favorite restaurant.

By LISA CHENEY

Local college student Eric Peterson recently announced that he's entered a committed relationship—with himself. Peterson vehemently denied rumors that the two were dating other people. "We're totally committed to each other. We've never been happier." When asked what prompted the campus heartthrob to take himself off the market, he chalked it up in large part to his current financial situation, claiming that monthly fees from his checking account were making it too expensive for him to date around. "It was partly a cost-effective decision on my part, but it's been really nice for us to spend more time together." Peterson was apparently unaware of Free Checking from Washington Mutual. It's an account with no monthly fees and the option to add Deluxe services like free online bill pay. And he could have gotten Free Checking just by visiting a Washington Mutual Financial Center, then signed up for online bill pay at wamu.com. "Dang," said Peterson, "if I had known about Free Checking Deluxe, my current dating situation would be different. I probably wouldn't have settled down with someone so soon."

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'Dubya' Takes Audiences by Surprise

■ New Artivist Festival hopes to entertain, inform and motivate with creative new views aurrounded by art, activism and film.

CLAUDIA LOZANO
STAFF WRITER

"Dubya 2004" is a riveting, sexually overt, hysterical satire straight out of America's political inferno. Updating the template from Rik Keller's "Dubya 2000," writer/director Joe Jordan goes further and takes no prisoners.

Like its 2000 predecessor, "Dubya 2004" (pronounced "W" with a Texan accent) also portrays the First family as pawns of the Devil or He Who. The play centers around FBI agent Maggie Sparrow (Jenette Goldstein), a 9/11 widow who unveils an evil conspiracy to "engulf the globe."

Dubya (Connor Duffy), a drawstring doll-carrying mama's boy, rules the country like a marionette to the beat of He Who's tin can. Former First Couple Barr and Poppy (Alicia Wollerton and Troy Joe Vincent) avidly manipulate Dubya while keeping close tabs on the polls.

Even thick-accented Arnie (Tom Kiesche) a governor and former action-adventure movie star, subscribes to this He Who serving clan. Meanwhile, Arnie's loyal wife, Marnie (Yvonne Fisher), has an agenda of her own.

Familiar specters visit throughout the play, adding a nostalgic touch of other

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STRATEEGERY - Joe Jordan's "Dubya 2004," a play mocking the current Executive Branch, is entertaining audiences at the New Artivist Festival in Hollywood thru Oct. 15.

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FILM REVIEW

Criminal Behavior

■ Director Gregory Jacobs remakes a classic with as much intrigue and suspense as the original.

"Criminal"
Diego Luna, John C. Reilly
Dir.: Gregory Jacobs
★★★★

BY CLAUDIA LOZANO
STAFF WRITER

If you're bored with superheroes, deafening explosions and relentless car pursuits, then "Criminal" is the film to see.

A remake of Fabian Bielinsky's Argentine film "Nueve Reinas," "Criminal" is a cinematic masterpiece.

Except for minor changes, "Criminal" is like watching "Nueve Reinas" without subtitles.

Director Gregory Jacobs shrewdly delivers a remake true to form, even incorporating the original language.

Diego Luna ("Havana Nights", "Y tù mama tambien") and John C. Reilly ("The Hours"), star as slick con artists who team up for 24 hours to swindle a rare currency collector. The cards turn when everyone gets in on this duo's scam of a lifetime.

Unraveling a long thread of cons, the film focuses on the strengths and weaknesses of Richard (Reilly) and Rodrigo (Luna). The two engage in a match-up, testing their ability to con people and scam each other.

The culprits are likeable characters working in opposite sides of town.

Richard's only goal is never to be "handcuffed with his face on the ground," and Rodrigo hopes to retire from his line of work before he turns into his counterpart.

Both men deal with "family issues" in a distinctive way. Richard cheats his siblings, Valerie and Michael (Maggie Gyllenhaal and Jonathan Tucker) whereas Rodrigo is only trying to save his father.

"Criminal" not only has what it takes to capture an audience, but also offers more.

Despite being an import, the film's social message resonates to all and should not be dismissed as "foreign affairs." "Criminal" will entertain and appeal to anyone in need of some plausible human excitement.

Gem of the East

■ Customers are like family at this quaint restaurant.

BY MAGGIE OWNBEY
STAFF WRITER

As you turn right onto Burbank Boulevard from Fulton Avenue, the compass will be pointing west, but if the destination is Passage to India you are headed toward a gem of the East.

Named after the 1984 David Lean film, "A Passage to India," the restaurant is indeed an adventure. The delicious aroma will guide you to the front door. Step inside and you will be transported to another part of the world where traditional music plays and incense burns.

Simple in décor, the true charm of this restaurant is the warm, friendly atmosphere. Owners Mohammed S. Rahman and Amatul Mowla, along with their three children and extended family, work together to make you feel at home.

"Our customers are like family," Mowla said.

Nitai Panchmatia lives in Bombay, but traveled to Los Angeles on business. When he told a friend that he missed the food from home, she brought him to Passage to India. His face lit up when Chef Miah brought him a surprise treat.

"I told him I missed my somosas and then he just gave me somosas," Panchmatia said.

The mood is comfortable and relaxed. Rahman walks through delighting everyone with stories from India. He stops by each table to ask if everything is OK and to make sure customers are enjoying their meals.

They have an extensive menu expertly prepared by Chef Miah. His specialty is Tandoori: clay-oven roasted chicken, meat and fish. The chicken tikka masala is a patron favorite, cooked with fresh cream, coconut and a special blend of spices.

If you like curry, they offer a wide variety of meat, chicken, fish and vegetable curries made according to your taste

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Rock Against Bush Roars Against War

■ **Punk rockers unite to protest the war and the current administration.**

BY CHELSEA BANKS
STAFF WRITER

"Any girls wanna be at the front of the stage?" shouted a security guard, appealing to the growing line in front of the Henry Fonda Theater.

The line of "punks" clad in Anti-Flag and Fat Wreck merchandise and anything else with a political message, reached almost to the end of the block.

Many girls stayed, not wanting to abandon the guys they came with but some girls followed the guard to the front of the line and submitted to a security check that found pens and chewing gum to be a threat.

Inside, the merchandise tables offered such delights as a T-shirt depicting President George W. Bush as a pirate, and the caption, "Arrrgh! Me Brain Hurts!" People swarmed, buying T-shirts, patches and buttons by the fistful.

Some people claimed spots in front of the stage where they stayed glued for the rest of the night. Others found seats in the balcony above, while even more lined the walls, ready to jump into the crowd when their favorite band hit the stage.

The room filled with electric anticipation as the lights dimmed, everyone anxious for the curtain to open and the "Rock Against Bush Tour" to begin.

Mike Park, president of the Plea for Peace Foundation, played an acoustic set, while thought-provoking questions and images of inspirational figures such as Martin Luther King and Gandhi flashed on a nearby screen. Park's songs were filled with a message of unity and equality among all people. He was the calm before the storm.

Next, the supercharged, electrical-tape-accessorized Epoxies started off with "Need More Time," their contribution to the "Rock Against Bush, Volume 1" CD. Lead singer Roxy Epoxy made full use of the stage, twisting and writhing across it, screaming out lyrics with fierce intensity.

When Strike Anywhere took the stage, many in the audience shouted along with every word, creating a giant mosh pit at the lead singer's request, while the rest of the audience just stayed out of their way.

The Nightwatchman sang of job loss and economic hardship, his style a blend of Johnny Cash and Ben Harper. During the performance, his political points were greeted with cheers of agreement.

After Midtown enlivened the audience and had nearly the whole crowd singing along Anti-Flag came to the stage and there was a banner with a crossed-out "W," where a "Rock Against Bush" banner had hung before.

Before the final act, a young man from Veterans Against the Iraq War (VAIW) spoke about his organization and its goal of an immediate return of the troops.

Anti-Flag burst into their set, the entire crowd threw a throbbing, fist-pumping, frenzy, engrossed in the music and screaming the protest lyrics by heart, "Turncoat! Killer! Liar! Thief!" Between each song, the musicians stopped to talk about issues of the war, including conditions of Iraq. Lead singer Justin Sane said that Iraq is becoming a nuclear wasteland with soaring cancer rates.

As is tradition at rock shows, Anti-Flag claimed to be playing their last song and exited the stage. Then the speakers emitted the low chant of a crowd, "The people! United! Will never be defeated!" Soon, the audience was roaring the chant that is the beginning of the song "One People, One Struggle."

The Nightwatchman joined Anti-Flag in a thrash–punk-finale version of Woody Guthrie's "My Land is Your Land". And, finally, all the bands' vocalists returned to the stage to join in. The audience shouted, "this land was made for you and me," and gave a roaring cheer at the idea that it should be the national anthem.

Punkers have never been to such an informative show, with all of the artists stopping during their sets to talk about political issues and to encourage voting. They made it clear that no matter who wins on Election Day, everyone needs to stay involved.

People jostled out of the theater onto Hollywood Boulevard bursting with both enthusiasm and information gained at the show, ready for the "post-war breakout."

FILM REVIEW

I'll Show You My 'Bunny'

"Brown Bunny"
Vincent Gallo, Cloë Sevigny
Dir.: Vincent Gallo
★★★★

BY BILLY HINES
STAFF WRITER

When viewing a film, the average consumer of cinematic entertainment usually expects that the film will be funny, scary or dramatic, depending on its genre. It is also more-or-less expected that the film will show the development of a few characters through a clever plot and dialogue. If I had walked into Hollywood's ArcLight Cinemas as that average consumer with such unimaginative expectations, I would have inevitably gone home feeling rather hurt.

"The Brown Bunny," written, directed, produced, edited and starring the obviously eccentric artist Vincent Gallo (Buffalo 66) has the bare minimum of the aforementioned elements, but that's what makes it such a great movie.

For all intents and purposes, "The Brown Bunny" could be considered a silent film with the exception of the occasional background sound and dialogue. Even with minimal sound, it effectively illustrates the pain of a lonely, lovesick man trying to replace his lost love.

A beautiful work of art, the film centers on professional motorcyclist Bud Clay. During a cross-country trip to California, Bud encounters several women who immediately find themselves sucked into the black hole of his axe-murderer good looks. Right off the bat, his shifty demeanor makes the women noticeably uncomfortable. As soon as he sees past the women's beauty, he realizes they could never replace his Daisy, and without explanation he leaves them behind, one by one.

The camera work makes you feel like you are in the passenger seat of Bud's van as he travels past the St. Louis skyline and through the Rocky Mountains. In one of the most memorable scenes of the trip, Bud takes his motorcycle out onto the Salt Flats of Utah , riding out until he is merely a blip, surrealistically floating on the horizon.

If you've heard about "The Brown Bunny" you already know there is a sexually graphic scene between Chloë Sevigny's and Gallo's characters, which is every bit as real and explicit as an 'adult' film. I would be remiss if I didn't mention it in this review, but if that is why you are planning to see this movie, save yourself the trouble and rent a porn flick. That being said, it's your loss if you don't see it.

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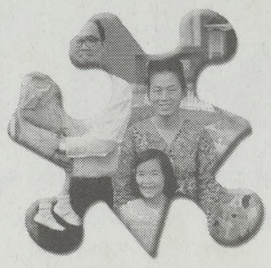

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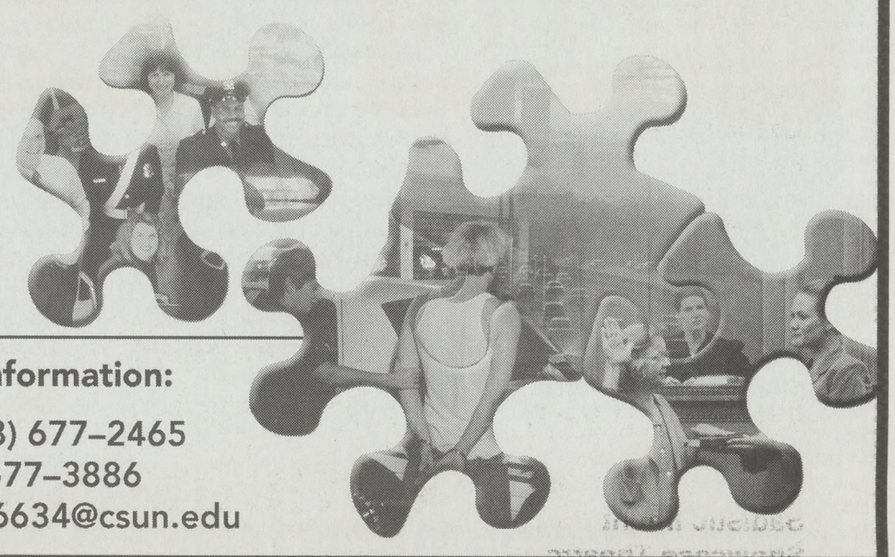

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(L 31-15) 9/25/04
Football Record: 2-2, 1-1
Soccer vs. Pierce
(L 6-1) 9/28/04
Soccer Record: 2-5-1
Softball vs. Mission
(W 6-5) 3/25/04
Softball Record: 10-3, 7-6

LAVC SCHEDULE

Wednesday 9/29/04
(M) Water Polo vs. Citrus 3 p.m.
(W) Water Polo vs. Citrus 4:15 p.m.
Friday 10/1/04
Cross Country @ Bakersfield 10 a.m.
Saturday 10/2/04
Football vs. Moorpark 7 p.m.
Tuesday 10/5/04
Soccer @ Citrus 2 p.m.
Friday 10/8/04
(M) Water Polo @ Citrus All Day
(W) Water Polo @ Pasadena All Day
Cross Country @ Bakersfield 3 p.m.
Saturday 10/9/04
(M) Water Polo @ Citrus All Day
(W) Water Polo @ Pasadena All Day

NOTES

MLB - Angels Close The Gap

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Vladimir homered twice and drove in five runs while going 4-for-5 and the Anaheim Angels continued their push in the AL West with an 8-2 win over the Texas Rangers on Tuesday night.

The Angels never trailed in their fourth straight win after Guerrero's two-out solo homer in the first. It was 8-0 after his 36th homer, a three-run shot in the sixth.

Anaheim (89-68) began the day just a game behind AL West-leading Oakland, which was home against Seattle later Tuesday night. The Rangers (86-71) dropped to three games behind Anaheim with five games left.

Texas, the surprise contender after four straight last-place finishes, has lost four of five since sweeping three games from the Athletics last week.

Kelvim Escobar (11-12) allowed just two runs on three hits over six innings to win for the first time in four starts against Texas this season. He struck out three and walked one.

Garret Anderson and Dallas McPherson also homered for the Angels, who have two games left in Texas before a season-ending three-game series in Oakland.

Guerrero, hitting .333 in his first Anaheim season, has 121 RBI and 120 runs to join Don Baylor as the only Angels with 120 RBI and 121 runs in the same season. Baylor was the AL MVP in 1979, when he drove in 139 runs and scored 120.

The Angels led 1-0 after Guerrero homered in the first off Chan Ho Park (3-7). Afte Troy Glaus drew a two-out walk in the third, Guerrero drove him home with a double.

Guerrero had a two-out single in the fifth and scored on Anderson's 14th homer.

MLB - Bonds Tested

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds was randomly tested for steroids before the Giants' game against the Dodgers on Friday night.

Bonds told MLB.com that he was tested as part of baseball's new drug-testing agreement. Each player is tested once during the season.

"I'm glad this is finally happening," Bonds told MLB.com. "They'll get the results and it will clear my name. It'll show that there's nothing behind what I've been doing [on the field] all year."

But in an interview with the Contra Costa Times, Bonds sang a different tune.

"My name ain't dirty," Bonds told the newspaper.

Under the collective bargaining agreement, a player is sent to counseling for a first positive steroid test and suspended for 15 days or fined up to $10,000 for the second infraction. An infraction is not made public until a second positive test.

Bonds, who has 703 home runs, is 11 homers behind Babe Ruth (714) and 52 behind Hank Aaron (755) on the all-time list. Bonds, a six-time National League MVP, has 46 home runs this season.

Bonds was one of 10 baseball players to testify before a grand jury investigating the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative for alleged tax evasion and the illegal sale of drugs.

Bonds was not charged, but his friend and trainer, Greg Anderson, was one of four men charged in an alleged steroid-distribution ring that federal prosecutors say supplied dozens of professional athletes with banned substances. They have pleaded not guilty.

Bonds has set a record with 222 walks this season. He has scored 125 runs and leads the majors with an .839 slugging percentage and .614 on-base percentage.

WSC WOMEN'S WATER POLO

Ladies Break Even at Mt. SAC Tourney

■ **'03 champs remain buoyant despite two hard spills.**

BY BOB TEICHMANN
STAFF WRITER

WALNUT—The Lady Monarchs went to the Mountie Classic water polo tournament with the intention of sweeping the competition, but only managed a 2-2 split after losing 22-2 in Game 4 against Saddleback Saturday, giving the team a 5-6 record.

"It takes seven girls to win this game," said Valley head coach Eddie Barrera. "We need to come to the game as a team."

Team defense wasn't a primary focus early on, as was evident by the early open shots granted to the Gauchos. Saddleback driver Sarah Vass approached the goal, motioned right, then went left for an easy first goal 38 seconds into the game.

"It's difficult to block shots when there is no defense," said goalie Caroline Bohbot.

Despite the barrage from the Gauchos' offense, Bohbot managed seven saves in three quarters, six of which came in the first half. However, the number of shot attempts would have been limited if not for the Monarchs' poor ball handling.

Valley had six turnovers in the first five minutes, lending help to Saddleback's passing plays. Driver Kristine Palle eyed a goal with four minutes left in the quarter, but instead gave the assist off to Vass who launched a shot just below the corner post, scoring her second of three goals for the game. The Gauchos managed a 5-0 lead after one quarter.

The Monarchs tried a brief offensive pump in the second quarter. Driver Nicole Klock had a shot attempt blocked by goalie Christina Avalos two minutes into the quarter, but the ball was quickly recovered by Danielle Looymans for Valley's first goal. That was the only quarter of discernable offensive intent by the Monarchs.

The Gauchos allowed only one other Valley goal (Jennifer Turcios, -1:56), then opened up the defensive line for Kristine Palle to give Saddleback a 12-2 lead at the half.

Palle led her team in goals, tallying six for the game with four launched during the second quarter alone.

In an attempt to stem the tide, Valley substituted Caroline Bohbot with Valentina Alberti in the third quarter. Despite the switch, the Gauchos took a 20-2 lead into the last period.

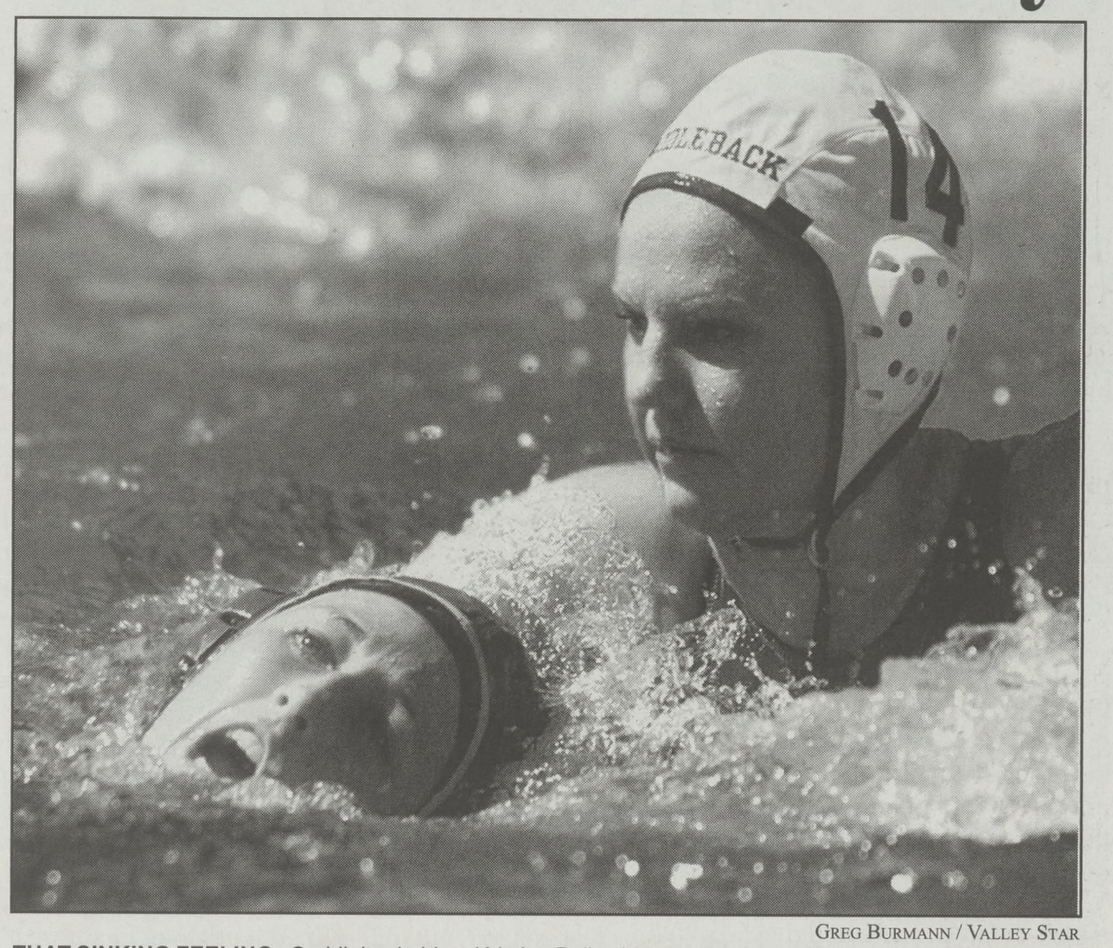
The Monarchs had another set of random tactics in the fourth quarter, ranging from another goalie substitution (Perla Rublcava) to a set of timeouts being called when the team was down by almost 20. The only item of note: Saddleback was limited to two goals for the quarter.

"We had a lot to work on going into this season," said Saddleback head coach Jennifer Higginson, making reference to the Gauchos' 4-19 record in 2003. "Now with the way we just played, I think we're a good contender in Southern California."

Winners of the Western State Conference last year (24-4, 5-0 conf.), the Lady Monarchs are off to a shaky start. Valley lost Game 1 Friday against Riverside 17-1; in Game 7, won 10-7 against Cerritos and was victorious in the Saturday opener against El Camino 8-4.

"We have many new players with different levels of experience," said assistant coach and 2003 Valley College Female Athlete of the Year Megan Winchell. "This team has a great advantage by playing the good teams early on so they can learn how to deal with the best."

The women have the chance to improve their record when they take on the Citrus Owls at 4:15 p.m. Wednesday at Valley.



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THAT SINKING FEELING - Saddleback driver Kristine Palle, 14, gets physical with Valley driver Nicole Klock during the Mountie Classic at Mt. San Antonio College Saturday. The Monarchs lost to the Gauchos 22-2, ending the tournament 2-2.

Upcoming Schedule

Opponent	Date	Time
Pierce*	9/29	4:15 p.m.
@ Cuesta*	10/6	4:15 p.m.
@ Citrus	10/8-9	All Day
@ Ventura*	10/13	3 p.m.
Alumni Game	10/22	7 p.m.

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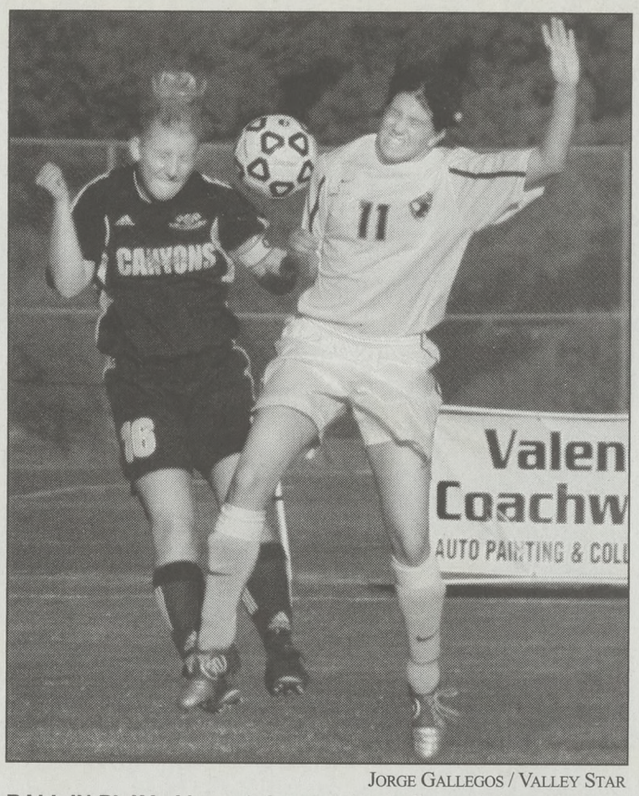


JORGE GALLEGOS / VALLEY STAR
BALL IN PLAY - Monarch forward Jessie Paul, 11, has a mid-air battle for the ball with Canyons defender Kelly Holloway during the game played in Santa Clarita Friday. Valley lost 1-0.

WSC SOCCER

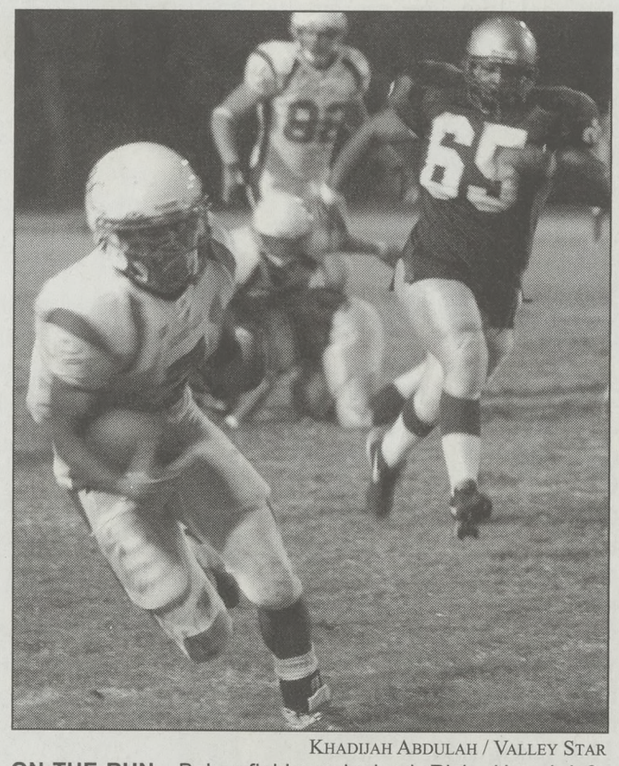
Upcoming Schedule

Opponent	Date	Time
BYE	10/1	
@ Citrus	10/5	2 p.m.
Santa Monica	10/8	4 p.m.
@ Bakersfield	10/12	4 p.m.
Glendale	10/15	4 p.m.
Canyons	10/19	4 p.m.
@ Pierce	10/22	4 p.m.
BYE	10/26	
Citrus	10/29	4 p.m.
@ Santa Monica	11/2	3 p.m.
@ Bakersfield	11/5	3 p.m.
@ Glendale	11/8	3 p.m.

WSC FOOTBALL

Upcoming Schedule

Opponent	Date	Time
Moorpark	10/2	7 p.m.
@ West L.A.	10/16	1 p.m.
Canyons	10/23	7 p.m.
Hancock	10/30	7 p.m.
@ Ventura	11/6	5 p.m.
@ Pierce	11/13	4 p.m.



KHADIJAH ABDULAH / VALLEY STAR
ON THE RUN - Bakersfield runningback Ricky Herod, left, is hounded by Valley defensive lineman Tommy Burns in the Monarchs' 31-15 loss Saturday.

AN OPINION

NHL Locks Players Out

BY JEFFREY SAMUELS
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

The National Hockey League locked its players Sept. 16, perhaps ending the 2004-05 season before training camp ever opened.

It is unknown when owners and players will sign a new contract to replace the expired contract.

Both sides have indicated that they are far from agreement on the crucial issue of finances. NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said the sides "weren't speaking the same language."

Owners of NHL teams claim they have collectively sustained losses of $1.8 billion over the last 10 years, and continuing under the current system would ensure financial disaster for the league.

Players in the NHL say the owners are overstating their losses in an attempt to force the introduction of a salary cap, which limits the amount of money any given team can spend paying its players.

The NHL players are vehemently opposed to a salary cap, while the owners insist it is the only way to make sure the league does not go bankrupt.

Owners have said that they lost $273 million in 2002-03, and $224 million last season, paying players an average of $1.8 million per year. The players countered with a proposal to cut $100 million a year in expenses and drop average salaries to $1.3 million, but owners quickly rejected the offer, saying it lacked the inclusion of a salary cap.

This is the first work stoppage in the NHL since 1994, when owners locked out players for 100 days and saw 468 games canceled before a new agreement was reached. There was also a 10-day strike in 1992 that postponed 30 games.

It could be much longer before a new agreement is reached this time, with the league acknowledging that there is a possibility there will be no hockey played this year.

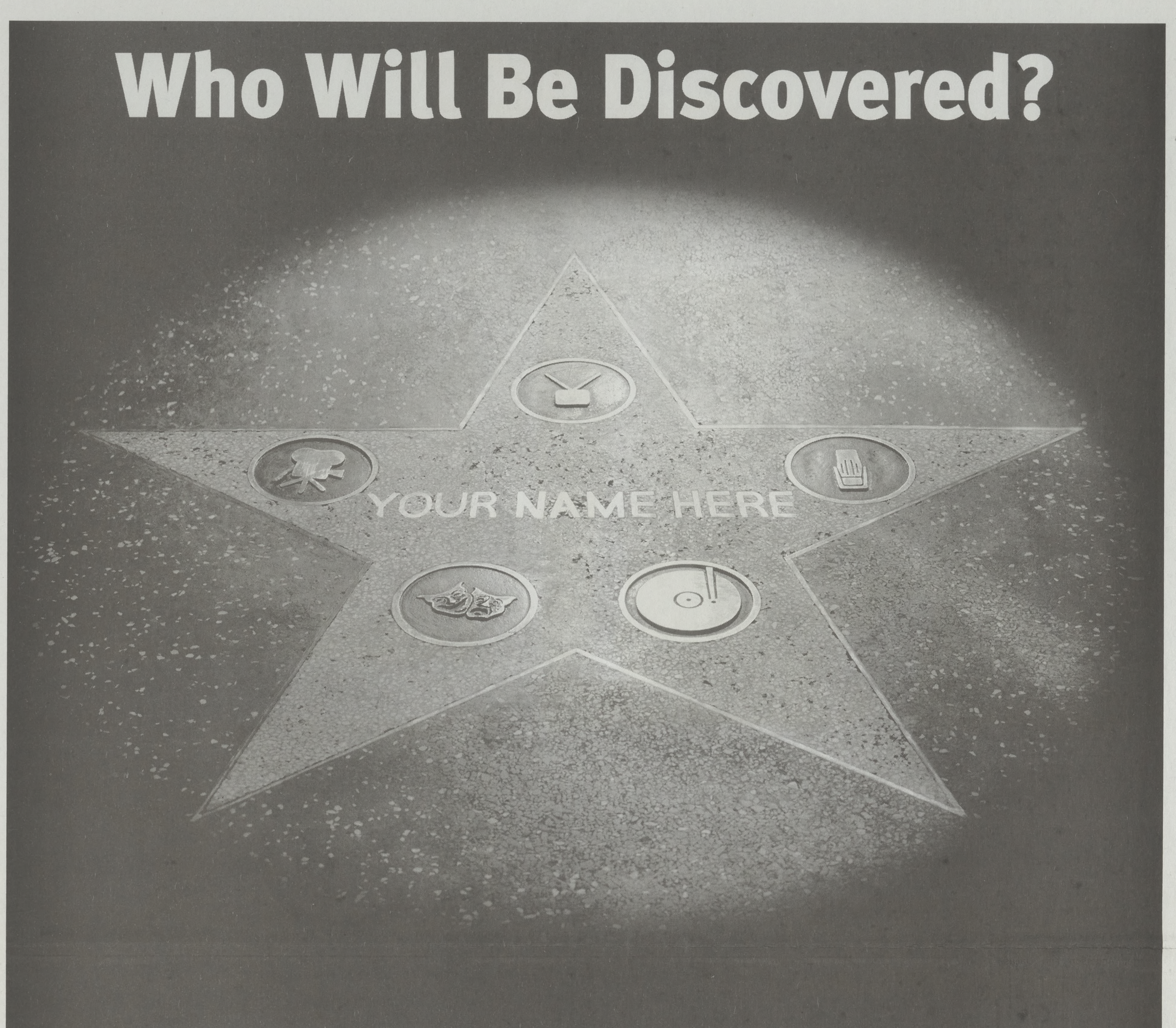
Bettman has already advised teams to release use of their stadiums for 30 days after the lockout began, almost guaranteeing that the season will not start as planned on Oct. 13.

Under U.S. labor and union laws, it is possible that the NHL could unilaterally impose new work rules, similar to a new contract, and force the return of players under those conditions, but Bettman said that option had yet to be considered.

Players' Union chief Bob Goodenow said that declaring new rules would be a "very, very ill-advised strategy" and that "the results could be catastrophic."

Nonetheless, many players will still get a chance to play, with many European players returning home to play in local leagues. U.S. players do not have as many options, although there has been talk of many players shifting to the minor-league American Hockey League until the work dispute has been resolved.

Who Will Be Discovered?



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LG Life's Good

Feast of San Gennaro L.A.

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IANUARIO GENNARO - San Gennaro was accused of using black magic and was tortured but even after being beat and burned he came out unharmed before he was decapitated.

JORGE GALLEGOS / VALLEY STAR

LOOK HERE! - Giovanni Felice, one of the many vendors at the Feast, shares his culture with the visitors of San Gennaro.

Hundreds gathered to celebrate the Feast of San Gennaro, an annual celebration at the Grove and Historic Farmer's Market hosted by Jimmy Kimmel, Adam Corolla and Tommy Lasorda this weekend. Italian-Americans shared their heritage with the multicultural community of Los Angeles.

The feast originated in New York's Little Italy, and three years ago Los Angeles adopted the tradition.

"We promote Italian culture while raising funds," said Patrick Gabriele, Valley alumnus who worked as a vendor at the feast.

San Gennaro's history goes back to 300 A.D when Ianuario Gennaro comforted two deacons imprisoned for their Christian beliefs. After the prelate of the region, Timoteo, heard about Gennaro's visits, he was also arrested.

"San Gennaro protects us all," said Giovanni Felice, Gabriele's brother and business partner, pointing at the saint's statue.

The mission of The San Gennaro Foundation is to help the needy the same way as Italians were helped during their immigration to America The foundation seeks to give back to the community by putting together programs that will nurture their mind, body and spirit of all involved according to the Executive Board of the San Gennaro Foundation.

San Gennaro's main goal is to promote and preserve Italian culture and heritage, and by the work of many non-profit organizations, sponsors and volunteers raise funds to help unprivileged children continue with their education.

Many of the funds go directly to programs like Friends Sharing & Giving in Los Angeles, LAPD Children's Support Group, Hollywood PAL, Christ the King of Roman Catholic Church and School of Hollywood, and the 2004 San Gennaro Scholarship, which will benefit about seven students already accepted to UCLA and CAL State Long Beach among other schools.

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EX MONARCH - Patrick Gabriele, who graduated from Valley College in 1967, works with his brother selling Italian soccer merchandise.

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AN ITALIAN TOUCH - Those who attended the Feast of San Gennaro were treated to authentic Italian cuisine and wine while enjoying live entertainment, which included a jazz performance at the Grove in Hollywood.